Coal Production

618. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of coal has been declined by the years;

(b) if so, the details of the production of coal of various grades, grade-wise and year-wise;

(c) the demand of coal of various grades;

(d) whether the coal is imported;

(e) if so, the quantity of coal imported during last three years;

(f) whether Government have taken any measures to reduce imports by augmenting production of coal; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of production of coal of various grades for the last five years is given below:

(Fig. in Lakh Tonnes)

Grade	2003-04	2002-03	2001-02	2000-01	1999-2000
SC-1	2.07	2.11	2.11	2.63	2.09
S-I	1.99	2.45	2.13	1.95	2.24
S-II	0.99	2.77	3.95	5.54	4.62
W-I	3.39	5.19	4.62	10.34	13.58
W-II	27.59	26.56	27.32	26.47	29.02
W-III	55.69	56.72	49.73	61.99	86.80
W-IV	131.94	139.55	129.63	139.38	131.15
SL-V	2.76	2.93	1.70	1.78	2.99
Total Coking	226.42	238.28	221.19	250.08	272.49
A	38.24	33.70	34.10	35.48	35.59
B	215.80	214.78	218.51	201.51	203.96
C	398.13	366.02	372.00	411.98	387.32
D	329.73	329.53	340.36	323.35	327.52
E	670.65	639.65	578.18	519.01	450.23
F	1184.67	1084.92	1032.12	939.98	928.75
Total Non Coking	2837.22	2668.60	2575.27	2431.31	2333.37
Total CIL	3063.64	2906.88	2796.46	2681.39	2605.86

(c) The demand of coal of various grades in the country for the current year and for 2005-06 and 2006-07 is given below:—

(figures in million tonnes)

Sl.	Particulars	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	Coking coal	34.62	42.05	37.21
2	Non-coking coal	380.20	403.60	423.29
	Total	414.82	445.65	460.50

(d) and (e) Varying quantities of coal and coke are imported in the country by the consumers to supplement the limited availability of low ash superior grade coking and non-coking coal for use by blending with indigenous coal and also on environmental considerations and considerations of location-specific landed cost.

Details of coal imports for the last three years is tabled below:

	Quantity in Million Tonnes & value in Million Rupees							
Year	Coking coal		Non-coking coal		Coke		Total coal & coke	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
2001-02	11.107	27,919	9.441	17,437	2.284	9,171	22.832	54,527
2002-03	12.947	33,954	10.313	16,325	2.245	10,121	25.505	60,400
2003-04	12.992	36,702	8.691	13,385	1.894	14,741	23.577	64,828

(Source Coal Controller's Office)

(f) Import of coal is placed under Open General Licence (OGL) and consumers are free to import coal as per their needs.

(g) Coal India Limited (CIL) has taken following steps to augment the production of indigenous coal and reduce the gap between demand and indigenous supply:—

1. 99 projects have been considered to be taken up during tenth plan
2. Improvement in equipment utilization
3. Mechanization/modernization of existing mines
4. Timely implementation of projects
5. All new mines are being planned with mechanisation